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Dear all

Management of your noble organization (**COMMUNITY AND FAMILY AID FOUNDATION**) are happy to present to you our ANNUAL STEWARD ACCOUNTS of our work for the year 2014. Good work they say pays-with the tremendous able support of brilliant committed volunteers, stakeholders, competent management, we have been able to touch lives positively every step of the way. Increasingly, going by our name THE COMMUNITY AND FAMILY AID FOUNDATION works actively and in partnership with likeminded bodies to achieve our objectives with professional touch.

Indeed, the year 2014 activities leaves much to be desired and we are happy to have a positive foot print in communities and people who benefited largely from our activities. While appreciating such second to none efforts at all levels of encounter it worth mention that our stakeholders, funders, supporters and well-wishers form a cardinal point in the overall outcomes of our work. Despite the funding constraint management strive to live up to expectation, according our project timelines with the necessary attention and above all salient approach to keep up our promises.

The organizations contribution to developmental discourses at all level, be it, national, sub-regional, Africa and for that matter the global level improve significantly ensuring that our concerns and advocacy efforts receive the world attention and response. We joined different movement, alliance, petition, campaigns, protests, among others to shape the world of work and demand for accountability, protection of lives and properties. The use of the social media to foster cordial interaction with key networks and actions were also championed effectively to the latter. In this report efforts have been pursued to churn out all the detail information and activities carried out during the period under review. We at CAFAF have built a solid foundation of trust by communicating our cause to everyone who counts as far as our work to humanity is concern. To this end this report indicates a sharp improvement over the 2013 activities carried out in the face of stiff civil society competition and dwindling funding regime that swept across Africa and across the world.

Management sincerely extend our felicitation fraternity to you all for supporting us to come this far. In 2015 we equally will implement projects and activities to meet the development needs of vulnerable in the many communities and audience each proposal seek to address. We hope to see you double your supports efforts to enable us deliver to the latter.

A person is a person through other persons

We believe in this and continue to be a yardstick for measuring our outputs at all levels of engagement. Thank you. From Management

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OUR ORGANIZATION PLAN FOR 2014

Prior to commencing the 2014 activities a series of CAFAF and stakeholders led meetings were conveyed on which this platform were largely used to seek the views and inputs into our activities for the coming year. This aside is equally partly enshrined in our constitution was meant to offer participatory approaches to working with communities. In all five of this kind of meetings were held the last one was used to fine tune the overall plan of action for the year 2014.

This plan of action is not exhaustive; because of this management had the upper hand from time to time to take steps to make changes to it as when the demand arises in conformity with our standard of operations at CAFAF. This presentation offers the simplest form of making our operational arrangement available to the public as articulated .Details of specific intervention that follows each topical issue can be traced in our working document, our weekly activity schedule, and monthly, quarterly reports. It also allows each staff to develop detail actions accompanying the roles stipulated their respective contract of employment which will be inspected from time to time. At CAFAF we are here to serve you better therefore sincerely wishes to entreat all who may have concerns or suggestions to improve on our work and best practices never hesitate to communicate this with management to enrich our performance across board. Key areas highlighted in the overall document looks at.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">- FUNDRAISING AND PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT- PROPOSED ACTIVITIES /PROJECT 2014- MILES STONES FOR ACHIEVING THE PROJECT- PROJECT PLANNING, PARTICIPATORY APPROACHES- ADVOCACY AND CAMPAIGN- MONITORING AND EVALUATION- STAFFING AND COORDINATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-VALUE CHAIN MANAGEMENT AND OBSERVATION- STAKEHOLDERS MANAGEMENT- PROJECT,PROGRAMMES AND ORGANIZATION VISIBILITY- SELECTION OF TRAINERS- DOCUMENTATION AND PROJECT PUBLICITY- MANAGEMENT AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
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With this in place management was able to prosecute our POA smoothly and in line with the pressures that mounted on us in the cause of time. This ideally served as a compass and aided in living up to expectation to the fullest. For 2014 a slight changes have been made to it to reflect key development needs and partnership build up experiences enjoyed in the cause of our .This had raked in a wider tapping of experiences, knowledge and skills we are happy to associate ourselves with it.

2014 ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS HEALTH ACCOUNTABILITY PROJECT

Building partnership for leveraging quality Health Care Service delivery is crucial in CAFAF over all pillars of intervention. In the cause of the year precisely January 2014 onwards management signed a formal contract with the GHANA ANTI-CORRUPTION COALITION and the HAP Foundation which is all Civil Society led Non-Governmental Organizations. Over here CAFAF acted as a focal point, tasked with the role to represent the interest of the project in the Ashiedu-Keteke District in the Odododiodoo constituency in Accra.



HELD IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 2014 IN THE ASHIEDU-KETETE DISTRICT

INTRODUCTION

The **Health Accountability Project** sought to address: The ever-growing challenges of upholding the rights of people to access quality healthcare without prejudice through a Secured SMS platform for initial work in Four Communities in Greater Accra: Ashaiman, Teshie, James Town and Amasaman which have witness a tremendous outcome.

<p>Quality Health care:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Is A Right NOT a Privilege -Crucial to national development 	<p>Supported by Government through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -NHIS, CHIPS, comprehensive Immunization programmes and expansion in health training facilities - Improvement in the number of health personnel and condition of services -Patient’s Charter
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OBJECTIVES

- Improve transparency and accountability in health service delivery through **dialogue, consensus building & information sharing;**
- Empower** and **strengthen CITIZENS** to **hold** service providers and health policy makers accountable;
- Establish mechanisms for **direct feedback** between communities, services providers and government;
- Provide feedback** to healthcare professionals about client assessment of their services and agree on benchmarks for improvement

PROJECT OUTCOME

- To increased commitment to better health care delivery by service providers and policy makers
- Positioning the “patient view” as a critical component of policy making and implementation towards making healthcare more responsive.

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

Ghana Anti-Corruption Coalition(GACC),the Ghana Health Service,the HAP Foundation and Community and Family Aid Foundation

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PROJECT OUTCOME

<p>STAKEHOLDERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -12 Districts in three Regions: VR/NR/CR -PPI Nationwide -Engagement of Focal Persons 	<p>SPONSORS</p> <p>INDIGO Trust of UK:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Secured SMS platform for initial work in Four Communities in Greater Accra: Ashaiman,
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ROLL OUT OF THE SECOND PHASE OF THE HAP PROJECT IN AUGUST 2014

The second phase was reserved for the implementation of the following activities with the kind assistance of the focal point in the Ashiedu Keteke District-James Town community in the months of August 2014:

- Increase awareness on the use of the SMS platform through organised forums (religious groups, community groups, keep fit clubs etc 5- 8th August, 11-16th August
- Hold regular meetings to engage service providers on feedback received from the SMS platform
- Hold a roundtable stakeholders forum on the 19th of august, 2014.

MEETINGS WITH COMMUNITY GROUP

Following a consensus reached the focal point led the process to achieve a remarkable outcome of hosting a series of interactive meetings with key identifiable community groups in the district during the period under review. The following were the groups reached out to with information about the HAP project and results attained. Whereas some of the groups visited were new others were old beneficiaries who were benefiting from another second round of visit by the focal point.



Scenes capture during the focal point meetings with community groups in the district .Kwashie is captured here carrying extensive awareness and demonstration on how the HAP IEC materials are utilized

LIST OF GROUPS VISITED IN THE COMMUNITY

GROUP NAME	CONTACT PERSON	TELEPH ONE	AREAS DISCUSSED	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	DATE AND LOCATION
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NCCE COMMUNITY CLUB- /	GABRIEL BEKOE- CORDINATOR	027913 920	Brief about the hap and the SMS platform	MALE-21 34	9AUGUST,2014
FIRE PRAYER FELLOWSHIP /	BRO. NII ATOO /OVERSEER		sensitization and the role of community group in demand quality health service	33 FEMALE-21 -12	9 AUGUST,2014
THE KINGS SOCIAL CLUB	/ISAAC MENSAH/PRESIDENT	027734 1413	Awareness ,policy, health charter, the SMS and contribution to quality health care delivery	ALL MALES CLUB 25	
SCEF WOMEN MADAM	JOYCE/ PRESIDENT	026871 5199			6AUGUST,2014
FREEMAN FISH MONGERS ASSOCIATION/ QUEEN/	AUNTY MARY		brief about the hap and the SMS platform and expectations		10 AUGUST,2014
JT LIVE RADIO/	RASID OBODAI/JOURNALIST		education, awareness and general concerns ,the patients charter among others		10 AUGUST,2014
Act for change	collisions	027766 6821		15 MALES 12 FEMALE- 2	10 AUGUST,2014

CONCERNS OF THE GROUP

1. visibility of project and task force to handle cases looks questionable
2. most people feel shy to exposed offenders as they presume their identity will be brought to the light after reporting challenges
3. focal point work brought to halt after the 4 months service in the community
4. more women group be identified and educated about the project more
5. not everyone is little enough to follow all the procedure required to file complainant

RECOMMENDATION OF THE GROUPS

1. more education and publicity is needed including volunteers as the focal person alone cannot handle such a broader task looking at the population factor implication
2. IEC materials should be enough and visible enough to access the short code by all
3. messages and the short code be publicize widely to enable more people have access to the project demand

4 more volunteers from the community be trained to enable more local folks have access to them to report emerging cases all the time

4. strategies be device to render on the sport education to patient who report at the various facilities to enable them bring more cases to the attention on the SMS platform partly because the focal point person cannot be everywhere in the locality to have access to all the information most of the time or market the project for people to have access
5. more radio discussions and education be carried out and the numbers given out to enable more information to be solicited from the masses-truly this was followed up by the journalist and a live interview was conducted where the SMS number were shared with the public latter on in the day

The community groups engagements was well delivered as its set the tone for several concerns to be addressed by the focal point as well.it equally opened up new opportunity to strike collaboration with especially the new groups identify which will serve a sustainable platform for the intensification of the hap project agenda.

STAKEHOLDER'S ROUND TABLE FORM MOBILIZATION, PARTICIPATION AND OBSERVATION



The stakeholder's forum to crown the overall engagement with community leaders and services providers was held on the 19th of August 2014 at the premises of the James town community Theatre Center in the District at 2:00 pm on the day. The meeting was represented by personnel from the health sector ,NHIS,CBOS ,FBOS ,Social welfare ,women's group ,community activist, the District Assemble, youth groups, project coordinators and community development watch dogs(**reference can be made from the list of attendants taken on the day of the meeting**).

Prior to the meeting effective and vigorously mobilization of these stakeholders was duly cairned out to ensure a fair representation from all sectors as far as critical decision making on

health in the District is concern. This blend of personal was to ensure a fruitful discussion and bold decisions to be churn out of the meeting. All the various sectors or department received a formal invitation to that effect with an efficient follow up call after words from which a positive feedback was conveyed to management of every invited institution offering the assurance to participant in the encounter.

ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS THE MEETING

The meeting was held timely at the agreed time where each invited institutions representations and participants were sited. Participants were taken through logistic arrangement made on the ground such as filling of attendance sheet, direction for setting at the events grounds and provision of water to quenching the test of the participants.

OPENING PRAYER

The forum commenced with official voluntary prayer offered by MR.TEIKO TAGOE coordinator for GYEEDA at the City Engineers AMA office which set the tone for a fruitful meeting to follow afterwards.

Mr. Joseph Senyo Kwashie of Community and Family Aid Foundation who also double as the focal point of the HAP project in the District by way of custom demand took to the floor to introduced a brief content of the days forum including the necessity of the opportunity acknowledging the presence of both the HAP Foundation team present in the person of Joshua, lawyer, and Emmanuel and stakeholders of the various institution represented during the meeting.

The next item on the menu considered was **to set out engagement objectives and affirm** the programme .This was done by lawyer Executive Director /HAP Foundation .In a brief interaction with the participants, lawyer drum home the mission and impact the HAP project is projected to attained within the framework of the project design .He further touched on other engagement carried before participating in the district forum. Among other things, he said that the project aim is to bring quality health care service delivery to the door post of the vulnerable for which reason the amiable relationship which should stem from critical stakeholders on the ground is needed more than before. **“So far I am happy to know that after the official launch of the project in the district the impact are beginning to reflect positioning people to know their right to demand accountability from the respective authorities .But was however quick to make mention that without proper collaboration secured , the fight to get as many people informed and to make informed fruitful feedback is likely to face a setback in the long .thus, the presence of stakeholders in the forum was a clear testimony demonstrating their commitment to partner with the project to achieved enviable results in the long run . He further entreated the stakeholders to support the focal point as this will virtually redouble their efforts to attain more laurels the outcome of which will be tremendous to behold.**

The next focus of interaction carried out was equally led by a representative from the HAP FOUNDATION in the person of Emmanuel. That aspect looked at the **profile of the project implementation, and patient charter**. The moderator went further to weaved issues for discussion around the following thematic areas which was explored for a lengthy hour of time. These included but not limited to health rights, hospital relationship, mutual health insurance scheme, community health and accountability .The discussion was linked up in the following manner which offered a fertile ground for attaining a positive outcome of the forum engagement.

PROJECT AREAS	TOPICS	KEY ISSUES
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Health rights	Patients' rights and responsibility awareness	-the patient charter -how published is the charter -the role of the community service providers -compliance with the provision of the charter
Hospital relationship and services	Patient-hospital relationship (case study log sheet and SMS messages)	-how is client management at the hospital -are there provisions to address patient concerns -how can we enhance the existing relationship
Mutual health insurance scheme	NHIS service and client management and general challenges	-are people enjoying the scheme -are people aware of the service package under the scheme -how can the scheme improve client satisfaction -discussion biometric registration and challenges
Community health and accountability	Community health consciousness	-how do we improve community consciousness -role of service providers -role of community stakeholders How can we make service providers accountable

He creditably conducted the session with the needed skills as required of a good facilitator which paved the way for participants to contribute and share ideas throughout the period. At a point he requested the support of the focal point to help participant read out **demands of the patient's charter as enshrined in the Ghana Health Service publication**. All the areas such as the patient rights and patients responsibilities were explored to the end via reading and where necessary there was a pause to clarify key areas or statements which needs further explanation, clarification, examples, experiences, concerns and personal contribution beyond the mere reading. This generated into a long moment of discussion, contributions, questions in which the HAP TEAM, stakeholders with ideas about an issue raised offered their vivid responses. There was also a blend of explanation of the charter in English and GA language to offer a fair understanding of the issues the forum was meant discussed.



The following were some of the key sentiment raised

Mr. Teiko Tagoe of GYEEDA admitted that it's really true that every aspect of the project speak for itself and shared a series of both personal and indirect unprofessional health services behaviors he had had encounter with within various health facilities dotted in the district and elsewhere. He was again quick to add that because of the low level of knowledge on patient's right are abused; maltreated and swept under the Carpet all the time that do not come to the public domain.

- **Solomon Boye** from the **Great Thinkers-NGO** Executive Director and health activist shared in the view expressed by the earlier speaker and reiterated that another bottle

neck was the high illiteracy rate of people and the acceptance by members of the public as normal and the general treatments of health care workers as untouchable gods as the bane of all the catastrophe being encountered in a quest to access quality health care service. In the end he expressed optimism that all hope is not lost, thus, the HAP PROJECT is a step in the right direction to change the current phase of things for which reason effective collaborations is needed more than before from all stakeholders present to achieve better health outcomes.

- **Rita Garglo-Womens and Children's** right activist also took to the floor and shared similar experience concluding with suggestions on how much can be achieved as far as the project implementation in the district is concern. To this end she made it clear that really all the worries expressed were true but while the picture looks extremely gloomy it's the efforts and contribution of all that can help arrest the culprit to face the rules of the game. She equally offered to volunteer to spread the message across to as many people as she can and hope by the end of such intervention problems associated with patient health care providers will be brought to minimum degree of expectation.
- **Juliet Egbali –Public Health Nurse ,from the Ussher poly clinic** responded to several of the issues raised pertaining to unprofessional conduct of some personnel's in the health system which she said are all true and cannot be doubted. Stressing her point, she said in spite of the prevailing situation there are other good people in the system given out their best and sacrificing at the peril of their lives which needs recommendation. Soliciting further requested that there are laid down administrative procedures enshrined within the health system and so any patient who fall prey in the hands of unprofessional conduct must not harbor any fear of reporting for the person to be dealt with adequately.

The Occasion was again used to demonstrate how the HAP PROJECT communication and feedback from the public are received and worked on. With the help of the project team participants were fully schooled on how the process works and can contribute to information collection followed with how grievances or complaint can be brought to bear on the platform ,are handled at all levels of engagement as far as quality and health accountability advocacy counts. The team at this point gave out 500 copies of the ICE materials produced for communication purpose such as the posters, the patient charter, and stickers.



The focus point in the district MR. JOSEPH SENYO KWASHIE handled a special discussion that critically looked at evaluation of the patients report, how patient complaint were solved and recommended general reformed at the community level.

He brought to light how he had effectively carried out extensive education and awareness in the district utilizing the platforms of existing community groups in the various respective communities .These groups he lamented form a greater chunk avenues were most of the complaint after presentation willingly came forward to file their complaint for consideration.

He additionally sounded clearly that most of the complaint received were so scanty that made it extremely difficult to succeed in addressing problems to the latter. He stressed that most of the victims could not remember the names, secondary person, and the overall generalization of the issues. For example where a victim cannot really pin-point out the names, description, occasion, facility and what attitude of the patient triggered the unprofessional behavior or action from a health worker, such information leaves room for doubt and channeling the complaint will eventually leave room for more evidences and workloads to be carried out.

Happily was able to use these flaws to educate the community on proper ways of gathering the evidence which could enable him to resolved complaint effectively as when they cropped up with the respective health authorities or stakeholders.

Joseph also expressed delight at the rate of how he promptly received complaint from volunteers but was quick to add that the number was not promising has he had envisaged at the end of every month. Added further that the intent of the project was not to forced people to confessing falsehood but receive timely and voluntary concerns from consumers of various health products in the district to serve as a test case for the effectively role out of more intervention across the spectrum of the regions in Ghana.

It was interesting revelation to note in his disclosure that 100% of the complaints received during the period under review were from mostly women and in their prime ages. Again there was affair balanced of both recommendation of professional flight services received at most private health providers with a greater chunk of the negative compliant associated with the mainstream government health facilities in the district.

The final discussion executed was centered on how to sustain the HAP PROJECT through effective stakeholder's engagements. At this point the moderator requested the pleasure of all participants to give brief personnel convection on what ingredient can help cement the gains of the project. The following were some of the suggestions

- The stakeholders should offer their platform for the focal point to use to educate members of the various associations to stimulate their understanding on patients right
- Stakeholders should endeavor to volunteer information that will contribute to creating and making the SMS platform functional to deliver and bring quality health care accountability to the door post of all.
- More of such engagement should be conveyed to know the weakness and strength of the project to enable the stakeholders support based on what their strength can afford or offer
- The visibility of the IEC materials in the district should be enough to deepen and be an eye opener for victims to report on the SMS platform from time to time
- Concrete evidence should be gathered and reported timely to serve as a test case
- Constant training and exposure of health care providers on the patient charter be observed to reawaken them on their responsibilities to patient to thrive .currently majority of the health care providers are even not aware of the existence of the charter neither have they had the chance to see a copy themselves. It was conclude that its available through but just gathering dust at the various offices of the health system
- Support from the various agencies are needed to achieve more as the presence of one focal person serving such a larger district is likely to achieve less result among others

Conclusion

The round table discussion indeed achieve a very remarkable outcome witnessing a fair representation of participants from all strata of discipline as envisage in the project stand point. The engagements was expected to developed and adopt a communiqué and fashion out proactive avenues of creating a win-win environment to ensure active participation from all the stakeholders to enable the project meet the health accountability needs of the people in the district. The second phase was equally delivered with the necessary strategies well mapped out that pave the way to organize the activities timely and according to the plan outlined. There was both direct and indirect constant interaction from the HAP FOUNDATION project team and the focal point on the ground that further deepen a true sense of coordination fueling the successful delivery of the activities planned. It's again worth mention that logistics ear marked for the project implementations were made available to facilitate all the actions enshrined for delivery during the period under review.

Lesions and practical setback encountered had been well documented to avoid their future occurrence as far as professional project management requirement is concern.

Finally, the activities and the HAP PROJECT contribution to quality health care demand are high from all the interactions and engagements organized. More resources and the continues face to face community and health care providers platform to iron out challenges are needed as more people become aware of their right to quality health care. The project is a plus to attain effective national health response across and the coming into force of the HAP PROJECT is a blessing influencing change to take effect.



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HIV AND AIDS CAMPAIGN PROTECT THE GOAL CAMPAIGN CHALE WOTE 2014 PICTURES



Community and Family Aid Foundation takes advantage of the festival to host side events on various social development issues of which HIV and AIDS is one. This platform was used to share, inform, educate and transform lives. Now that the festival has become a yearly ritual, we wanted to reach out to more people with informed and decisive messages. In 2013 we did to perfection while in 2014 we want to extend beyond our boundaries. More of the festival can be viewed

via.. <https://www.facebook.com/events/234765063208319/>, www.youtube.com/watch?v=RY5dnBNqs-E,

CHALE WOTE 2013 was more than a festival as 2014 recorded over 35,000 people from across the world to JAMES TOWN to share the creativity mother earth is endowed with on one platform.



In 2014 from 23-24th August, join us to make case on HIV and AIDS

In 2014 it going to be more than a festival, thus, issues of HIV and AIDS must count as well. This COMMUNITY AND FAMILY AID FOUNDATION is committed in promoting hope to get people informed and to make informed fruitful choice.

ENVIRONMENT AND SANITATION



GLOBAL HAND WASHING DAY

Committed to dealing with the issues of environment, sanitation and hygiene CAFAF has it as a ritual of organizing face to face encounter with communities to understand and participate actively and in partnership to overcome the menace of overcoming the incidence of bad

environmental practices. For the year under review management join forces with liked minded organizations to pursue the following key activities with few highlighted enumerated.

OPERATION CLEAN COMMUNITIES CAMPAIGNS



CAFAF in partnership with youth clubs, NCCE, District Assemble, NGOS, AMA, Women Group, Women Vision 3000 collectively undertook a series of clean up exercises to champion clean environment. This encounter recorded over 3000 people from all walks of life participating in the ASHIEDU KETEKE DISTRICT. This timely exercise was also used to advocate for citizen government engagement for clean environment campaign .worth to bring to mind that this had caught the cities authorities' attention and this had led to the formal declaration of every last week on every months as NATIONAL SANITATION DAY which is supposed to be observed across the country.

PROPOSALS DEVELOPMENT AND FUNDRAISING

Every effort was made to raised funds but to no avail as the responses turn out to be more excuses than positive promises. But this did not deterred management from doing our best. Proposals were sent out to over 20 companies all in Accra here accompanied with the necessary follow ups .we hope 2015 witness a different story.

COLLECTION OF PLASTIC WASTE



The issues of plastic waste had assume a higher proportion menace on the community, and so as part of our efforts to reduce it to the breast minimum, CAFAF had initiated a move dubbed collect and sell by educating and informing the public about the re-useable ,recycle nature of plastic .linkages with more buying companies are being explored to ensure speedy interaction, buying of plastic from collectors to boost their morale and to further increased participation from ore people in the district .CAFAF in 2015 will apply formally for membership consideration with the international waste collectors network. This is to ensure a constant interaction and to deepen pour scope of coverage and learning capabilities at the highest levels of interaction .management also had the opportunity to interact and participate fully in a formal meetings and advocacy intervention with the world bank where our concerns and civil worries were

churn out. The productive outcome of our participating in 2015 will be to formally put proposal detailing new projects with prospects to request for funding or support.

CELEBRATION OF GLOBAL HAND WASHING DAY 2014

CAFAF took a further step in the cause of the year to celebrate the global hand washing day on the 15th of October, 2014. The process began with a formal submission of proposal for support which did not yield any positive results. A second strategy was put in action that looks at issuing of a formal press release ahead of the day and celebration of the day with school children at the Christ the King of King's School situated at the James Town beach.



PARTICIPATION IN GHACCO ACTIVITIES

BACKGROUND

Both the National Alliance and the Global Alliance work to catalyze the adoption of clean and efficient cookstoves and fuels by almost 4 million Ghanaian households by 2020 through a market-based approach that will achieve the following objectives in Ghana:

- Reduce Household Air Pollution (HAP) including smoke, particulate matters and other toxic gases emanating from open fires and traditional cookstoves. HAP is estimated to contribute over 19,200 impacted and 13,400 premature deaths and 3000 child deaths annually in Ghana;

- Promote adoption of LPG and clean cookstoves to reduce environmental degradation and increase access to clean energy. Firewood and unsustainable charcoal burning are primary drivers of reduction in Ghana's forest cover, which now stands at less than 30%. Over 85% of the Ghanaian population relies on firewood and charcoal for cooking and other commercial activities. In rural areas, 95% of the population remains dependent on these inefficient cooking methods; and,

- Build the capacities of existing cookstoves enterprises in order to reach scale. Through various government and partner programs, the country has become home to a number of wood, charcoal, and LPG stove producers and importers. The cookstoves suppliers currently distribute over 300,000 units of wood and charcoal stoves annually, with LPG stoves potentially doubling that number. However, in spite of their impressive annual sales and healthy margins, the majority of the suppliers and distributors in the Ghana cookstoves market remain in the start-up phase with evident gaps in management structure, supply chain, technical support, and working capital, issues currently preventing them from entering the growth stage, becoming investor ready, and reaching scale.

- Empower women and improve livelihoods by increasing understanding of the gendered impacts of traditional cooking methods, particularly because fuel collection and cooking generally remain women's responsibilities, and by realizing women's critical role in reaching adoption of clean cooking solutions at scale – from developing designs that are user-friendly and user-appropriate to wide-scale marketing and sustained adoption of clean cookstoves and fuels.

CAFAP is a member of the Ghana Alliance for Clean Cook Stoves which is a Network of Civil Society, public and private sector organization with the common interest of pioneering and catalyzing efforts of promoting energy use to address the teaming climate change challenges that confront humanity. Thus, by virtue of our membership and long stand of energy use, have been playing instrumental role roles in shaping the works and activities of the network in Ghana. Here in Ghana our executive director has been appointed as the greater Accra representative and supporting management team member in the Ghana office. During the cause of the year quiet a number of activities were undertaken, these include but not limited to regular quarterly meetings, hosting, conference, visit to key ministries and agencies, partnership building, researching, membership mobilization, hosting of follow up CAP, trainings for membership among others.

COUNTRY ACTION PLAN 2014

The Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves and the Ghana Alliance for Clean Cookstoves and Fuels (GHACCO), in collaboration with the Ministry of Energy and Petroleum CAFAP management were invited to a national conference to promote Clean Cookstoves and Fuels for all in Ghana on April 9, 2014, Best Western Hotel in Accra, Ghana. Ghanaian clean cooking stakeholders developed and adopted a Country Action Plan (CAP) in October 2012, a process facilitated by the Global Alliance and adopted by the Sustainable Energy for All initiative. The CAP's national target of 4 million households adopting clean and efficient cookstoves and fuels by the year 2020 is part of the Alliance's global goal of facilitating the adoption of clean and efficient cookstoves by 100 million households by the year 2020. To achieve this ambitious target, the sector and implementing partners are committed to facilitating the process by offering leadership and providing critical market-enabling resources that will help ensure a thriving, sustainable market in the long run.

At the upcoming conference, evaluating our progress as stakeholders– our interventions to catalyze the market this past year, challenges we encountered, and further opportunities – to enable better CAP implementation and to ensure that we remain on track to achieve our 2020 goal. As a member we participate in the National conference including the Review Meetings on the Ghana Country Action Plan (Ghana CAP), as a follow up of progress of the Ghana CAP launched in October 2012, the two-day Cookstoves Exhibition and Field Trips in the Regions, being organized by the Global Alliance and the Ghana Alliance. Interim regional leaders attended with four (4) stakeholders each to the national conference and exhibitions. Exhibitors brought their brochures, souvenirs and information materials, photos, etc, for their stands.

GREATER ACCRA MOBILIZATION

TRAININGS AND MEETINGS



In partnership with the Rockefeller Foundation; African Management Initiative (“AMI”) and Ghana Alliance for Clean Cookstoves (“GHACCO”) is organized the **FIRST EDITION of DESIGNING FOR IMPACT TRAINING PROGRAM** for social entrepreneurs, aspiring social entrepreneurs and social managers from social impact enterprises in Ghana. The primary objective of this **One Day Workshop** was to provide participants with knowledge and practical tools to be successful in starting and building businesses that have a positive social impact. **PROGRAM DETAILS Date: Wednesday, 19th November, 2014. Venue: National Banking College, Airport Residential Area, and Accra. Time: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.**CAFAF management participated in this milestone workshop and the impact on our performance has been extremely great.

GREATER ACCRA SMALL SCALE COOKSTOVES MOBILIZATION EXERCISE



The Ghana Alliance for Clean Cookstoves initiated in March 2012 by 23 stakeholder representatives of CSOs, NGOs, Private Producers, distributors, financial institutions, researchers, grass root practitioners, marketers as well as Donor Agencies and partners to promote coordination, information sharing among stakeholders, and enhances capacity development particularly among actors in the clean cookstoves sector in Ghana.

As part of the Alliance initiative to beef upon its membership drive for 2015 and beyond, the leadership tasked a special team to conduct outreaches in some part of greater Accra aimed at introducing the work of the alliance and register individuals and companies who expressed interest to be part of the alliance. The intent of the initiative was equally to open the flood gate to enable more parties come on board and have their voices fully represented at the decision making table. Currently the Alliance is fully represented in all the ten regions of Ghana ,and it was incumbent on the Accra branch to make case by engaging more people to be aware of its work and to enable them participate actively and in partnership for promoting cookstoves in Ghana.

Our membership drive efforts saw the team pay visit to key hot bird communities where cookstoves manufactures are located. These communities include but not limited to ASHIAMAN, THE TIMBER MARKET, KOKOMPE, KATAMANTO, and ABOSSEY OKAI among others. The team ably registered the following members at each of the communities visited so far, ASHIAMAN 60, Timber market 15, KOKOMPE 15, and others 10. Its increasingly important to add that this exercise does not end here as it’s a pilot one and so there will be a continue ones as times goes on and more support is granted to increase the pace of mobilization. There will be the need to conduct more outreaches to bring more people on board and make the work of the alliance more visible to the public.

The team has finished with the task and has been able to establish good working relationship with key personnel on the grounds that will act as liaisons for and on behalf of the many manufactures on the ground. Every efforts will be made to have continues correspondence with them from time to time to enable them be active and contribute to ongoing activities of the Alliance.

On a whole the entire exercise was worth conducted as it had exposed the team to know the reality on the grounds and again to understand the working condition of the small scale manufactures in the Region. There is also a solid efforts established by other think-tanks in the cookstoves sector such as RELIEF INTERNATIONAL and TOYOLA. Thus, with these category of agencies already members of the Alliance, offers a fertile ground to channel future projects and other interventions hand in hand with them. There will also be the avoidance of conflict of interest as GHACCO interest lies in empowering manufactures to help fill the gaps including Ghana’s current CAP processes of making every household in Ghana have access to clean cookstoves.

The team wishes to extend our felicitation fraternity to the GHACCO management team, who has the foresight to request that such exercise be conducted and for granting the team the needed support to make such a breakthrough in this mobilization effort. We hope in 2015 more outreaches, capacity building for new members, public education, and supply of varieties of cookstoves are prioritizing to champion the cookstoves sector.

EBOLA EMERGENCY RESPONSE CAMPAIGN



Following the outbreak of the deadly Ebola virus ,CAFAF team held a series of meetings that generated into a formal drafting of proposal and other emergency plan to enable us participate in national efforts of creating awareness and educating the public of how to safe guide themselves from contracting it.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE PUBLIC EDUCATION PROJECT

Ebola first appeared in 1976 in 2 simultaneous outbreaks, in Nzara, Sudan, and in Yambuku, Democratic Republic of Congo. The latter was in a village situated near the Ebola River, from which the disease takes its name .Genus Ebolavirus is 1 of 3 members of the *Filoviridae* family (filo virus), along with genus Marburgvirus and genus Cuevavirus. Genus Ebolavirus comprises 5 distinct species:Bundibugyo Ebola virus (BDBV),Zaire Ebola virus (EBOV),Reston ebolavirus (RESTV),Sudan Ebola virus (SUDV) and Tai Forest ebolavirus (TAFV).

In recent time the outbreak begun in guinea in February 2014 has killed 377 people in the country and still raging on.it has since spread to Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Nigeria which have declared a national health emergency. Again claimed a total of 1069 lives by Wednesday 13th august according to WHO . Ebola has killed more people in West Africa. This is the deadliest outbreak since the disease was discovered in 1976, and there is no known cure.

Back home in Ghana a lot of measures have been instituted to curb with the institution national response committee, clinical restructures, cancellation of international events to be held in the country and minor health security at our over 42 borders scattered across the country.However there is general discomfort among the population due to wrong interpretation of the Ebola outbreak, knowledge and understanding of the Ebola. We at COMMUNITY AND FAMILY AID FOUNDATION want to live up to the task and play our civic role of engaging the public extensively in providing tangible education and awareness creation to which will enlighten the public.



Scene of training

ng section organized by the WACSI here in Accra

INTERNATIONAL TRAININGS AND NATIONAL INTERACTION

CAFAP management play a significant role at all level of deliberations across the globe and in particluatr in the west africa sub-region.we were always in touch and contributing to most of the dicourse and daily news of the situation in the most hit countries such liberia ,sera leon and cameroon.varuios courses were also oragnized along the line which offered management opportunity to take part in it.our director is currently certified asa ebola trainer by WHO na the international peace operations institue among others.

PROJECT CONTRIBUTION TO EBOLA PREVENTION

This project event was the surest way of bringing all parties involved to see the reality on the ground such as, donor agencies, services providers, stakeholders, victims, affected families and the public to participate, reflect, and take proactive actions that will minimize the dreadful of Ebola.

The project activities outlined could be the first step in an effective dialogue about Ebola among the general population to set the records straight by getting people informed and to make informed fruitful message spread out to the masses. The combination of education and entertainment makes learning about Ebola a more engaging experience for people. They are also encouraged to take an active role in their own protection. Counselors and resources persons will be made available at all road show stops to provide more expertise education.

CHOLERA EMERGENCY RESPONSE CAMPAIGN 2014



Just after the incidence of Ebola surface Ghana equally was plaque with a national catastrophe of cholera outbreak. This saw almost all the ten regions affected with cholera cases. A national emergency was declared by the health authorities due to the intensity of the cholera's flash reports indicate that Cholera outbreak in Ghana has hit a record 25,000 cases with over 5000 deaths. The last time Ghana suffered such a staggering number of cholera cases was in 1982.Signs of the cholera outbreak were on the wall after heavy rains consistently exposed most markets in Accra filthy. Foul smell of rubbish assailed the air as it sat by road sides and remained uncollected for days. Health officials warned that the disease caused by poor sanitary conditions and lack of good hygienic practices could break out. In July this year, the prediction became real with cases first reported in Accra. Most of the cases are from La Community, some from Osu,Teshie. Since then, the rise has been unrelenting with health facilities overburdened.

The Greater Accra Regional Directorate of the Ghana Health Service in August officially declared the outbreak ravaging parts as an epidemic. All regions in Ghana except the Northern Region have recorded cases.

Here again CAFAF stepped in with a new project dubbed **CHOLERA EMERGENCY RESPONSE PUBLIC EDUCATION PROJECT**

COMMUNITY AND FAMILY AID FOUNDATION proposes a 6 month extensive public education crusade to help curtail the problem. Our efforts are to contribute to the work of the authorities to ensure a balanced outcome of cholera prevention ravaging communities as it stands now. Our outreaches will among other things seek-

OBJECTIVES

- ❖ To raise cholera awareness
- ❖ To accelerate progress in cholera prevention
- ❖ To exchange ideas and use the platform to dialogue and chart a new cause in programmes interventions and service delivery in good sanitation practices among the general population.
- ❖ To create more partnership with community groups and leaders to sustain efforts of educating the public on cholera.

PROJECT CONTRIBUTION TO CHOLERA PREVENTION

This project event is the surest way of bringing all parties involved to see the reality on the ground such as, sponsor's services providers, stakeholders, victims, affected families and the public to participate, reflect, and take proactive actions that will minimize the dreadful of cholera. The project activities outlined could be the first step in an effective dialogue about cholera among the general population to set the records straight by getting people informed and to make informed fruitful message spread out to the masses. The combination of education and entertainment makes learning about cholera a more engaging experience for people. They are also encouraged to take an active role in their own protection. Counselors and resources persons will be made available at all road show stops to provide more expert education.

CELEBRATION OF GLOBAL HAND WASHING DAY 15TH OCTOBER, 2014

BACKGROUND

Global Handwashing Day (GHD) is a campaign to motivate and mobilize millions around the world to wash their hands with soap. It takes place on October 15 of each year. The campaign is dedicated to raising awareness of handwashing with soap as a key approach to disease prevention. GHD was created at the annual World Water Week 2008, which was held in Stockholm from August 17 to 23 and initiated by the Public Private Partnership for Handwashing (PPPHW). The first Global Handwashing Day took place on October 15, 2008, the date appointed by the UN General Assembly in accordance with year 2008 as the Sanitation. The campaign was initiated to reduce childhood mortality rates related respiratory and diarrheal diseases by introducing simple behavioral changes - hand washing with soap. This simple, accessible action can, according to research, reduce the rate of mortality from these diseases by almost 50 per cent.

Our foundation, the **COMMUNITY AND FAMILY AID FOUNDATION**, have for the past three years observed the day with educational campaigns with the support of volunteers and donors. Thus, in keeping to our promise management have strategized to deliver yet another effective

and efficient observation of the day with a week-long outreach activities to influence change and to secure good water and sanitation practices in the Ashiedu-Keteke District due to the populace vulnerability to various health hazards.

OUR CAMPAIGN OBJECTIVES

- To raise awareness to foster and support a Ghanaian culture of handwashing with soap.
- Shine a spotlight on the state of handwashing in the community.
- Raise awareness about the benefits of handwashing with soap.

CONCLUSION AND WHY WE CARE: Many hands make light work: Hand washing with soap is the single most effective and inexpensive way to prevent diarrhea and acute respiratory infections (ARI), as automatic behavior performed in homes, schools, and communities worldwide. Pneumonia, a major ARI, is the number one cause of mortality among children under five years old, taking the life of an estimated 1.8 million children per year. Diarrhea and pneumonia together account for almost 3.5 million child deaths annually. turning hand washing with soap before eating and after using the toilet into an ingrained habit was projected to save more lives than any single vaccine or medical intervention, cutting deaths from diarrhea by almost half and deaths from acute respiratory infections by one-quarter. **HELP US TO HELP**

COMMUNITY AND FAMILY AID FOUNDATION participated in efforts aimed at making sanitation counts in most of our advocacy efforts and this was finally crowned with the celebration of the global hand washing day commemoration on the 15th of October, 2015.prior to the this a series of community led total sanitations activities were rolled out cum trainings, participation in national surveys-by the ministry of works and housing ,consultations ,observation of world environmental day,2014, among others.

As a CAFAF major activities focused on fundraising and issuing of press release to beef up our advocacy machinery. Management did not lay hands on any solid fund from the public domain but depended on a second option to organize all events planned. A brief highlighted of our global hand washing day celebration is offered below.

SEX WORKERS PROJECT IN GHANA 2014

CAFAF was granted full membership into the global network of sex project. The NSWP was established as an informal alliance in 1990 by a group of sex worker rights activists working within sex work projects around the world. Over the years, NSWP has conducted activities in partnership with other organizations, and the principle of the participation of sex workers in policy and programme development has been accepted at many levels. Despite lacking resources and recognition, the NSWP has influenced policy and built leadership among sex workers and facilitated the development of regional and national networks of sex workers and sex work projects. Significantly, NSWP participation in the global response to HIV/AIDS was largely responsible for the term 'sex worker' replacing 'prostitute'. More than mere political correctness, this shift in language had the important effect of moving global understandings of sex work toward a labor framework which signposts solutions to many of the problems faced by sex workers. It also questions the stigma of sex work and represents greater recognition of sex workers as rights bearers, with the capacity to make a difference. As a result of NSWP advocacy, female, male and transgender sex workers have presented the case for protection of their human rights at international forums such as international and regional conferences on AIDS, the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing 1995, UNGASS, the UNAIDS Programme Co-coordinating Board and the Global Fund consultations. The NSWP successfully lobbied for wording of the UN convention against trafficking in persons (the Palermo Protocol) to ensure that trafficking is defined as including force or coercion. NSWP, along with its regional networks, was also successful in urging UNAIDS to reconsider its 2007 policy guidelines on HIV and sex work.

CAFAF as a human rights advocacy institution took our efforts further this year to work and protect the interest of key population which is a term used to refer to commercial sex works,

prison population, men who have sex with men and drug injectors. This project was commenced on in the second quarter of the year. Management developed concept proposal and suffered the net for a possible funding and grant call but did not yielded the desire results. Issues raised in our disqualification will be expected studied carefully to help improve in our next submission in 2015.

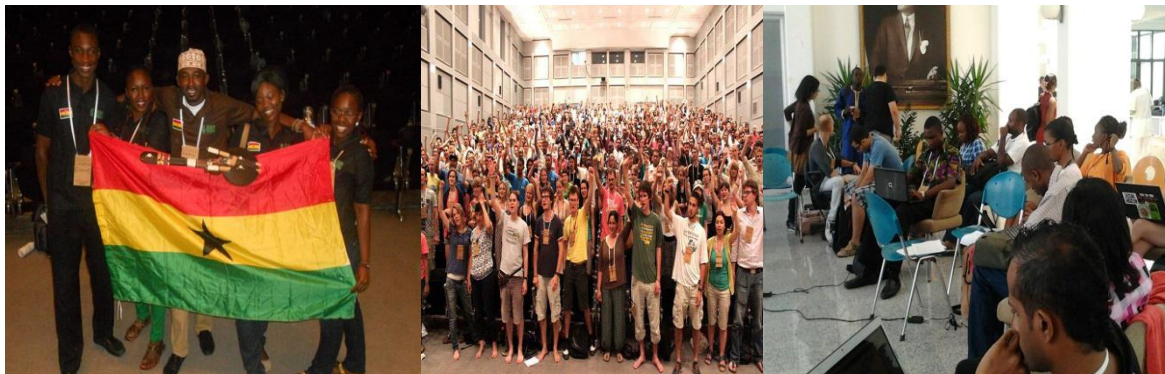
ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES AROUND INTERNATIONAL DAY TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST SEX WORKERS (17 December 2014)

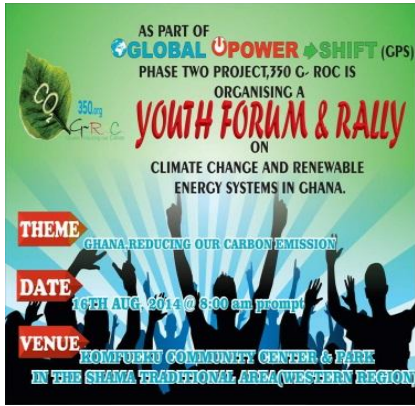
Following the CALL FOR PROPOSALS-by African Sex Workers Alliance (ASWA) Support for Sex Worker-Led Advocacy Activities for the International Day To End Violence Against Sex Workers – 17 December 2014.three organizations namely with respective roles expected to be played by each institution as indicated TENANT ADVISORY AND RESOURCE CENTER-GHANA (TAREC) – -ALEX NII ARMAH HAYFORD - The administrator of the project and the host.2-COMMUNITY AND FAMILY AID FOUNDATION (CAFAF)- JOSEPH SENYO KWASHIE- familyaidfoundation@yahoo.com The field coordinator of the project 3- ASSOCIATION OF PEOPLE FOR PRACTICAL LIFE EDUCATION (APPLE)applegh21@yahoo.com-JACK JAMES DAWSON-In charge of Advocacy and Materials Development of the campaign.

Generated a composite proposal to with the interest to organize a proposed event here in Ghana .prior to that there a wide spread violation of sex workers right to trade which receive a lot of attention from all the mass media across Ghana and around the world that triggered public outcry.by the end of the proposal selection our proposed activities was selected among five other countries to receive grant to organize National event marked across Africa; to take place in Burundi, Nigeria, Ghana, South Africa and Uganda.

In Ghana THE PROJECT AWARENESS CAMPAIGN Theme; “...CUSTOMER, I HAVE THE RIGHT TO PROTECT MYSELF ...RESPECT ME” (An illustration of a man violating a woman)

This forms the basis for the intervention of the awareness program and may be incorporated into the promotional materials as such. A platform will be created to campaign on the 17 of December, 2014 at a venue in Accra. A Drama sketch performances addressing various Violence against Sex Workers issues will be held at the campaign venue. These performances will provide platform for discussions and demonstration on the prevention of Violence against Sex Workers based on the issues raised on Violence against Sex Workers.All available educational Materials produced on Violence against Sex Workers and Adolescent Reproductive Health was reviewed adopted and use for outreach Distribution on the subject matter. The existing Materials from the Domestic Violence Secretariat and other project will be adopted to meet the information needs on the Violence against women and children as well as Sex Workers and be used by peer educators for their outreach activities.





FROM POWER SHIFT TO 350 AND ACTION 2015

Global Power Shift (*GPS*) began with an international climate leaders’ summit of mostly young people in Istanbul, Turkey, June 24-30, 2013. The week-long summit was the chance for us to refine skills, create personal bonds and community, share a global vision for change, and strategize how to organize different actions and similar summits back home. *GPS Phase 2*, is about building an active nation-wide youth movement through training that will positively influence the planning and implementation of our new National Climate Change Policy. It is also about massing up and galvanizing a nationwide support in order to take our anti-coal campaign to the next level. The event kick starts on the **12th of June, 2014** with a stakeholders forum on ***PROMOTING CLEAN RENEWABLE* *ENERGY AS A RELIABLE SOURCE OF ENERGY** G- ROC, is a grassroots movement formed with the aim of mobilizing and empowering young people in partnership with key stakeholders to actively champion the need to reduce our carbon emissions as a key effort in combating climate change.

CAFAF EQUALLY JOINED FORCES WITH SPECIAL ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY 350 AND ACTION



The High street environs of Accra on the eve of 15th November, 2014 witnessed the biggest ever youth-led street carnival event on climate change by 350-G-ROC (Ghana Reducing Our Carbon) cum PLUZZ FM a leading showbiz FM station in Ghana. Sensational Ghanaian music stars were present to perform and publicly demonstrated that renewable energy is the solution to Ghana’s energy crises and not coal-fired power plant. The street carnival saw thousands of youth converging at the Osikan football Park, Accra High Street with full participation and endorsement to our campaign to wit championing solutions towards dealing with climate change effects.

Chibeze Ezekiel, Coordinator of 350 G-ROC in a statement regarding the aim of the street carnival indicated that “it was to sensitize fellow young people on what climate change is and how hazardous using coal-powered plant to generate electricity is to human health and the environment”. He charged the audience that clean or renewable energy such as solar and wind energies are better options as they can be helpful in generating electricity to significantly address the shortfall in energy generation and distribution in Ghana.

The event commenced with young emerging artists taking their turns to showcase their musical talents.



Buddaman, one of the top music artistes in Ghana appearance on stage triggered a huge crowd as he performed passionately, charging the crowd to action. Other sensational music celebrities namely the ‘roaring’ Rashid Metal, ‘the smoothest’ Yaa Pono, the ‘sexiest’ Shata Rako and many others put up a thrilling performance which actually blasted the venue with sweet vibes that kept viewers on their feet throughout the whole night.

The highly charged atmosphere was indeed a sight to behold as the various artistes’ performed and chanted our core message: “Say NO to coal” and “YES to renewable energy” which thrilled onlookers with sizzling music shows that caused the youth to dance, sing and clapped to the beats of the sounds produced by the nerve wracking artistes.

A number of young people who thronged the event said they have now become fully aware of the elements that causes climate change and the need for the use of renewable energy to cheap coal and therefore has endorsed the undertaking of 350 G-ROC movement. They embraced the idea of collaborating with 350 G-ROC to continue mounting pressure on the Government to say abort the coal plant mission and embrace the renewable energy which is sustainable and the cleanest source of energy.

“Such overture must be supported by all and sundry in the fight against climate change because all of us are suffering already from the devastating effects of global warming therefore we must have all hands on deck to say no to coal and yes to renewable energy ” – Kodjo Amoako, one of the youth interviewed.





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TB NETWORK ACTIVITIES



CAFAF participated actively and in partnership at both the global level efforts of addressing tb issues. Here in Ghana we participated in all the national efforts such as awareness rising, public discourses, community engagement, proposal deliberation among others. And at the global level formally went to through the laid down procedures to be formally admitted into the global coalition of tb activist which is a body formed to revitalize and make tb issues counts across the globe including fundraising to secure timely response to tb emergencies across the world.

Management positioned our machinery of operations to respond daily to all the online interactions that went in the cause of the year through.

RECRUITMENT OF NEW VOLUNTEERS

CAFAF is equally opportunity employer and depend on the service of committed volunteers as well. We are happy to note down that the organization had since the beginning of the year enjoyed a good atmosphere of recruiting more volunteers to boost its capacity to deliver and serve communities as well. In the cause of the year had the following crop of people joining us and are serving the organization in different capacities until further notice or persons involved decide to disassociate themselves with the organization.

Names	Month join CAFAF	Qualification	Current task
Benjamin Nii Lamptey	September 2014	HND Hospitality management	Youth project coordinator
Benedicta Naa Odarko Lmaptey	January 2014	Dip.Accounting,HND Hospitality Management	Gender Desk and Special Assistant to the ED
Joshua Yirenkye	March 2014	BA Hons. MA Arts.	M and E
Mr. Wisdom Nyame	September 2013-2014	BA Accounts,	Accountant and Auditor
Amos Nice George	June 2014	HND	Road safety and Advocacy



PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH AND MAPPING EXERCISE

During the course of the year several institutions approached CAFAF to participate in research and mapping activities aimed at using the outcomes to plan the successful delivery of projects in the future. The exercise was also intended to scout organizations with the prequalify track records. This was done both online and office line.

-world health organization's clinical trial on mental health issues tool kits august 2014

- Africa 2.0 foundation Annual Leadership Symposium 19-21 November, 2014-National Delegate

Specific learning difficulties training for advocates 22 September, 2014 sponsored participants

Alliance for affordable internet 11-12 November, 2014 global exchange meeting-delegate

2nd global Nutrition Conference 2014, 9th October, 2014-delegate

Economy of Ghana Network-National Dialogue on Climate Change 17th September,2014-delegate

National consultation on politics of insults curbing the trend 21st October,2014-expert contributors

The Africa Network for Health Communication Conference 1-3 June, 2014-delegate

Water Africa and west Africa building & construction 1-3rd July 2014 conference center-Delegate

The International Colloquium on Climate Change, 6th June, 2014-ghana special delegate

Pan-Africa Conference on Inequality 28-30th April, 2014, Ghana-National Delegate

USAIDS Agric Business Investment Summit 15th June, 2014 special delegate-Ghana

The National Interest Dialogue 28th April, 2014-ghana CSOs representative

Education Conference 19-20th May-Ghana –special representative

THE AFRICA GROWTH FORUM, JUNE 16-17, 2014 – ACCRA, GHANA- special delegate

Our participation has opened up a new era of trends and concerns that are urgent for CAFAF to make various reforms and adjustments, which will be tabled for Consideration and Implementation to enable CAFAF stand the test of time. This will be critically undertaken in 2014 to position the foundation to meet certain requirements and to be in tune with standards donors currently expect NGOs to live up to.

PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL INITIATIVES



The role civil society play in shaping development policies that affects citizens cannot be underestimated. Such platform allows NGOs to represent the interest of the voiceless to communicate effectively to make them matter in any decisions that are taken for and on their behalf. Throughout 2013 management were invited to feature at over 100 meetings and other consultative dialogues to collect our position statement. It enabled our team to share experiences, best practices and to negotiate favorably. We believe such participation will go a long way to affect the lives of the vulnerable now and in the future. The numerous Formal invitations letters extended to our organization is indicative of the confidence and respect stakeholders have for our contributions at all levels of engagement be it local, regional and at the global enclave. Categories of such meetings/platforms include but not limited to:



- SEND –GHANA stakeholders Engagement
- Impact Generations USAID youth dialogue 11th October 2013
- ACEP National Gas – Oil and Gas policy consultation 17th October 2013
- Ghana Integrity Initiative Workshop on Taxation Advocacy for NGOs training at Aburi- Eastern Region
- MEST WATSAN / Climate change National Stakeholders Validation consultation 18th December 2014 with Acre Hotel
- Maternal Health Report – launch
- UN Global compact
- Microsoft civil / NGOs capacity building
- Google civil society capacity building 2014
- Ghana Monitory and Evaluation forum 2014
- NGOs in 6th Health National Health forum 27-28th September 2014



CAFAM WELCOMES 3 NEW VOLUNTEERS

The crucial roles volunteers play in developing communities and making change happen will continue to be a forever needed antidote every community will need to survive. Management had since the inception of the organization benefited from the service of volunteers to make the needed impact in the lives of the vulnerable. This ritual and custom will continue to be on the drawing board of CAFAM as it lessens the financial stress on the operation and enables the organization to cut down cost. Management is happy to welcome and to receive the following persons who joined the foundation as volunteers in the cause of the year 2013.

- RICHARD BRUCE DECEMBER 2014
- AMOS GEORGE OKRAH 2014 SEPTEMBER

These persons are still serving under probation anticipating their full confirmation in 2014 subject to a successful performance after appraisal of their works. Additionally, we have independent and due process they are expected to pass through before acceptance into the fold of CAFAF will equally be taken into account. The foundation is locally and globally known and had set a standard of bringing on board quality crop of people; hence we are extremely careful in selecting and appointing people in discharging duties at any level of encounter. Management wishes them a heartfelt warm welcome hoping their presence at the secretariat will witness new skills and knowledge investment to quicken the growth pattern of the organization to a new dimension.

PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVE

CAFAF by virtue of our membership with Alliances, Networks, and Coalition globally places us on high demand thus our presence and participation in key global interventions continues to be harnessed to the latter. During the period under review, management influence key advocacy discourses at several levels of encounter. We had the chance to participate in most online meetings to make contribution. We however, could not participate in most of the meetings which requires organizational funding to participate on face to face bases. Though we managed to participate in the online process there was disappointment as funds could not be secured to fund a formal representation at the final decision making table such as conferences, workshops, forum include but not limited to



PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL AND IN INTERNATIONAL COURSES

Management is happy to have taken advantage of the many Formal training and online courses organized for selected participants at different academic disciplines site both local and at the global level. Advancement in knowledge, skills and technologies keeps changing. Failure to be part of such developments is likely to affect anyone who fails to take advantage of such opportunity. Our team members participated in most courses of which participants were selected through competitive applications and screening. Most of these courses have new positive adverse effects on the overall contribution and performance of management at work. The participation in these courses were mostly done online subject to the availability of internet, perhaps to give everyone the chance the world over and the flexibility to participate fully at the free will of participants. The courses pave way to interact, hold discussions and to submit course assignment on time. Certificates of distinction, pass, recommendation and specialization were awarded in the end. Members participated in the following courses and passed the necessary tests to receive either certificates or messages of congratulations.

Minority Right International –course on Advocating for the right of Indigenous people February-April, 2014

Ghana-Nigeria Youth Summit 2014, 28th March, National Youth Delegate and contributor –Youth in the Race
Africa Youth Initiative on Climate Change 2014 Training on Effective CC Advocacy- Beneficiary 12April, 2014

LOCAL COURSES

Designing for impact training course 2014-Scholarship by the Rockefeller Foundation and AMI -19 November, 2014-sponsored participants

Commission on human rights and administrative justice civil society advocates training on HIV and human right justice workshop-18th October, 2014-selected participant

The Cardiff university course on Community Journalism 2014 1 April 30th may 2014

University of Ghana\RIPS\IDRC\CRDI\CANADA course on leadership/Climate Change Mainstreaming march 2014

Microsoft 2014 NGOs Day Training for Civil Society Leaders –Special Beneficiary 24th April, 2014

World Bank Institute course on Climate change\Turn Down the Heat February 28th 2014

The Global Environmental Facility/SDI short course on Community Project Management 20th-24 January 2014

Anti-Corruption Coalition Partners Training 26-29th January 2014 Local Government Institute Ghana

West Africa Health Organization Training for Civil Society Leaders on Family Planning 12th February,2014 Ghana-Beneficiary/GHNAT Hall

The world Bank Institute course from policy to action: SRH January 2014 –April 2014

KWASHIE has been a strong pillar and a live wire igniting the CAFAF power for change around the world. His contributions has been recognized worldwide and because of this there is nothing concerning development without us

ADMINISTRATION

BOARD MEETINGS

A series of planned face to face meetings between management and the board could not come on formally as majority of them were always occupied with tough schedule most of the times. However, an in formal meeting one on one took place where the executive director was able to brief majority of the members about what really is happening in terms of the foundations administration and to solicit their concerns as far as decision making and operations of the organization is concern. The office was always constantly in touch with them. Some have also given the green light for management to have them replaced by new crop of executives when the need arises at the pleasure of management. And so in 2014 critical steps will be taken to seal the loopholes created as far as decision taken at this highest level is concern.

STAFF MEETINGS

The executive Management Team met 10 times during the period. The meetings were used to discuss work program, job schedule of staff, effective and efficient ways of implementing cost free activities in 2013 and relatable partnership works. In addition to this effect the executive director had regular meetings with partners, friends of CAFAF, volunteers both online and off line. These meetings place management on top of the issues which prepare them to live up to the task fully. It brought a sigh of relief and the injection of new skills and strategies into the general administration of CAFAF as a whole.

MOBILIZATION AND ADVOCACY

CAFAF beef up our mobilization and advocacy efforts which were are a corner stone to achieving our set targets. We largely used these platforms to communicate our cause both locally and internationally. Management exploited both partnerships, other institutions

platforms to air our constructive views for policy reforms. These avenues include but not limited to

- Meeting with the president of the republic of Ghana-the Presidential Youth Dialogue 2013(John Dramani Mahama)
- Energy conference in plaza
- Ministry of Health summit 2013 GIMPA
- Israel water conference 2013
- Ecological mini-conFAB/University of Ghana/RIPS/ CSIR-STEPRI/seminar 27-28 June 2013, Accra – Ghana



END OF YEAR REVIEW

As per the constitution and polices of CAFAF a regular yearly review meetings is expected to be held during which management present their performance and plan of action For the coming years , interact with members, volunteers partners, stakeholders and founders and the broader concern members of the public. Such decision is used again to interrogate the actions and interventions of the organization and offer suggestions to improve its performance.

However, are due to logistical constraints it was replaced with mapping research organized by the Ghana coalition of NGOs in Health. CAFAF was among member organization selected to participate fully for which the date coincided with the general meetings. The mapping indeed came off successfully; this was carried out by the urban Associates - a local research Think – Tank. The task was instituted by USAID to enable them work with the members of the coalition in the future. The results/report from the research will allow members capacity and structure issues to be looked into properly anticipating a further boost of support from USAID in executing projects in the future.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The general running of CAFAF during the period under review In terms of finance and administration suffered a lot of setbacks but with prudent strategic interventions management was duly able to salvage the image of the organization. The major source of funding for our activities was sourced from the CHF on going ICT School for life project. Greater chunk of our activities were delivered through partnership and voluntary schemes commitment from all. Management is still negotiating with other organizations and individuals to consider offering a regular donation into the coffers of the organization to enable it overcome most of the stresses associated with the administration of the organization financial wise. It is our fervent believe that the year 2014 will witness a different turn around which will help to spur the foundation to a higher heights.

FUND RAISING, PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Prudent management of any organization depends on key factors such as requisite human resource, capital and external factors of production. Such ingredients are pillars that fuel the

growth and impacts of any entity failure of which no gains can be made. In the course of the year management exploited most tangible avenues of fundraising, proposal writing, and call for proposals and applied for them but the response were not favorable both at the local level and on the international scale.

Weakness identified in these areas will be addressed in the course of the year 2014 and beyond. The need to have a full time fundraising and communication specialist to be in charge to explore fundraising opportunities globally has become necessary and so steps will be taken to seal these loopholes. Additionally, our communication and fundraising document will be subjected to a thorough review to conform to current trends of doing business. The post of vacant voluntary position will be communicated to the public for interested applicant to come forward will be conducted in 2014.

UP DATE OF CAFAF WEBSITE

Management has since August 2013 taken steps to have a new website constructed and packaged to boost and market our intervention. The same will be applied to other social media sites including networks we are part of and have our details hooked to their domains will certainly be updated. A special blog will be created to place special document and reports to make them accessible to interested parties quiet easy. This is again is to demonstrate our commitment of operating in a transparent and accountability manner and right of people's access to our information far easier. This is also to serve another avenue of storing most of our vital information as most storing devices can fail most of the time. Security measures and right to this information will be taken into account before delivering such document to the public domain for consumption.



APPOINTMENT of CAFAF MEMBERS SERVE ON LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL BODIES

The year 2013 witnessed a steady transformation and reorganization of CAFAF team .How they could contribute to forester the growth and influence of wider stakeholder's engagement. To this end some members had the chance to be committed competitively selected/nominated to serve on several committees, boards, executives teams to enable them transfer their expertise to amplify advocacy efforts being pursued at various levels. Most of such offers were accepted. Our key representations are still serving on this these committees and rendering their respective duties from time to time. These include but not limited to:

- Joseph Senyo Kwashie - elected to sever a three years term as the Greater Accra Secretary of Ghana HIV and AIDS Network on 25th July 2013 – 2016
- ISODEC- Social Pact-National Committee – youth representative till date

-Patient Alliance Organizations in Engagement (PAGE-Ghana) - 5th March 2013 – Management Team Secretary.

-Ghana Alliance for clean cook stoves- 10th August Greater Accra – Representative

-UN Global Compact- Ghana-Fundraising Team member 2013

PLAN OF ACTION FOR 2014

CAFAF is happy to have coined the 2014 programme of work (POA) from our strategic operation document that spans over a period of 2013- 2015. This is a 3 years work plan of action and presents a bigger vision of the organization which seeks to measure the outputs of the organization and impacts made in our project communities. Thus for 2014 the following activities and interventions are planned to be delivered. These include but not limited to

- ❖ Women in food security
- ❖ Climate change and environmental protection
- ❖ Communicable and non- communicable health education advocacy
- ❖ Youth for development
- ❖ Arts, cultural and music for development
- ❖ Human rights, peace, security, good governance
- ❖ Micro- Finance, financial inclusion etc

These broader headlines comes with a set of other key activities which are not covered here but are presented in the general framework which sets benchmarks for trading their implementation success (refer to our POA) for details on request. There aren't any available funds to run them but the POA provides a concrete clue of at least what mandate and target we have set for ourselves for delivery. This is also to make our communication and interaction with donors flexible, clear and results oriented. Proposal details are projects cost with its assented beneficiaries, and receiving communities will be communicated in our fundraising materials. Our POA is clear and will serve as a mirror of reflection and a compass to direct the entire operations of the year and avoid duplication of efforts in 2014.

MONEY MATTERS IN 2014

Due to policy change and a few financial guidelines, the foundation is adjusting to our independent audited accounts Statements could not be captured here. However, management is in interaction with auditors to finalize the process for which reason a separate copy will be made available from time to time. By virtue of this assertion financial matters of the organization are intact and in with this report. Measures are being put in place to ensure that our subsequent reports are accompanied by the financial matters associated with it. On a whole the year 2014 equally saw persistent and prudent measure put in place to control our expenses which have had a positive balance on our transaction leading to our all declaration of the period under review labeled as value for money year.

WAY FORWARD IN 2014

The overall performance of CAFAF during the year under review speaks for itself and could be described as second to none. In spite of the daunting challenges that engulf our operations we mounted the courage to thrive which impacted positively in the lives of the vulnerable we have serve so. We have been part of the history makers which is a complimentary to government-efforts of offering alternatives of shaping people's lives and make them counts in the development agenda.

Management can look back with swollen with pride and unceasing joy because this report has been produced not just like business as usual but from the hearts and evidences of our contributions to pursuing the mission and vision for which CAFAF was established to address.

Countless lessons were learnt in the cause of our interactions with different categories of people and institutions we came across through the journey. We have taken note of the varied best practices, skills and knowledge derived from this engagement. Steps will be taken to have most useful methodologies, tools and practices in cooperated into our work to boost our performance.

As a human institutions ups and downs are a great deal of the life tests and so coming this far certainly makes our conclusion that complete that We have indeed obtained a distinction grade with a crown of success in 2013 hoping to surpass the coming year 2014.

CONCLUSION

Looking back to the year 2013 leaves much to be desired and as such management, indeed feel extremely proud to have directed our energies, expertise, skills, attention, and spirit of team work for a good working cause. Again going by the slogan which simplifies our ambition of existence **“A person is a person through others persons”** brings to mind our expectations for the coming year because of these wishes to send a timely clarion Call to all our sympathizers to come on board with your supports again and again to enable us touch the lives of the vulnerable. 2014 offers another window of opportunity for all to extend your widows might for which reason CAFAF will be glad to do it for and on behalf you to reach out to the unreachable.

By doing this you have sown everlasting seeds in the life of the weak and definitely to experience a turn around and no matter the magnitude, you will be remembered in the history books of our achievement forever.

Remember great things begin with small actions.

Help us to help.

